

**Table 9a. Delaware -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 Years and Over: 2000**

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Language spoken at home	Total	Speak English "very well"		Speak English "well"		Speak English "not well"		Speak English "not at all"	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	732,380	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	662,845	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	69,535	41,155	59.2	14,270	20.5	10,330	14.9	3,775	5.4
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	34,690	17,575	50.7	6,900	19.9	7,060	20.4	3,155	9.1
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	22,585	16,175	71.7	4,200	18.6	1,900	8.4	315	1.3
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	4,040	2,985	74.0	590	14.6	435	10.8	25	0.6
French Creole	1,200	605	50.6	260	21.8	240	20.1	90	7.5
Italian	2,860	2,175	76.1	500	17.5	185	6.5	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	340	235	69.1	80	23.5	15	4.4	10	2.9
German	3,420	2,615	76.5	625	18.3	175	5.1	4	0.1
Yiddish	165	145	88.4	15	9.2	4	2.4	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	1,245	710	57.0	425	34.1	85	6.8	25	2.0
Scandinavian languages	150	140	90.3	15	9.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Greek	940	655	69.8	195	20.8	85	9.1	4	0.4
Russian	540	380	70.5	85	15.8	70	13.0	4	0.7
Polish	2,035	1,475	72.5	295	14.5	245	12.0	20	1.0
Serbo-Croatian	165	125	79.1	25	15.8	4	2.5	4	2.5
Other Slavic languages	805	605	75.2	145	18.0	45	5.6	10	1.2
Armenian	80	45	56.3	35	43.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	380	240	62.5	110	28.7	30	7.8	4	1.0
Gujarathi	970	630	65.3	250	25.9	65	6.7	20	2.1
Hindi	940	795	84.6	120	12.8	25	2.7	0	0.0
Urdu	665	490	73.7	90	13.5	40	6.0	45	6.8
Other Indic languages	1,185	805	67.9	220	18.6	130	11.0	30	2.5
Other Indo-European languages	455	325	70.7	125	27.2	10	2.2	0	0.0
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	9,360	5,160	55.1	2,690	28.8	1,235	13.2	270	3.0
Chinese	3,580	1,770	49.4	1,160	32.4	480	13.4	170	4.8
Japanese	485	305	62.9	125	25.8	55	11.3	0	0.0
Korean	1,600	720	45.0	410	25.6	440	27.5	30	1.9
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	15	0	0.0	15	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Miao, Hmong	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	320	170	53.1	125	39.1	15	4.7	10	3.1
Laotian	110	60	54.6	25	22.7	25	22.7	0	0.0
Vietnamese	545	245	45.4	180	33.3	90	16.7	25	4.6
Other Asian languages	1,280	865	67.6	295	23.1	80	6.3	40	3.1
Tagalog	1,285	905	70.7	325	25.4	50	3.9	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	145	115	79.3	30	20.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Other languages</b>	2,900	2,250	77.5	480	16.6	140	4.7	35	1.2
Navajo	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	55	55	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hungarian	260	200	78.4	30	11.8	25	9.8	0	0.0
Arabic	775	545	70.3	150	19.4	70	9.0	10	1.3
Hebrew	270	235	87.0	35	13.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
African languages	1,290	1,045	81.3	210	16.3	20	1.6	10	0.8
Other and unspecified languages	255	165	64.7	55	21.6	20	7.8	15	5.9

(X) Not applicable.